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Dear Mr. Jaffe,

As an individual who is concerned about cruelty to animals, I am extremely disturbed by what I have read regarding the egg industry's practice of forced molting of layer hens. One needn't be a vegetarian - I am not - to be outraged and heartbroken at the horrific torture these innocent creatures are forced to endure. And for what cause? To cut costs? To squeeze out a few extra dollars in profit? Given the fact that forced molting increases the risk of salmonella poisoning, it is clear there are human costs to these barbaric practices as well. I am sure you are a humane person. I urge you, in the strongest terms possible, to support the petition to ban the forced molting of layer hens (Docket 98P-0202/CP).

Thank you for taking the time.

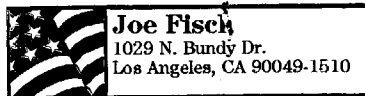
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